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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

- U.S. Patent No. 6,626,702 to KURIMOTO et al., which issued on September 30, 2003;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,450,823 to ICHIO et al., which issued on September 17, 2002;
- U.S. Design Patent No. D459,310 to TANAKA, which issued on June 25, 2002;
- U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2002/0052142 to ISHIKAWA et al., which published on May 2, 2002; and

Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2002-124336, which published on April 26, 2002, along with an english language abstract thereof. Applicants note that this document is discussed on page 1 of the present specification.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above documents. Copies of the above-noted documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if a copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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